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PCT/FR00/02289INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
August 10, 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
August 13, 1999

## TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR PRODUCING ON A BARGE OR WORK SITE AN ASSEMBLY OF TWO METAL TUBES OF A

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Pierre Roger; Jacques Vila

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b)) and PCT articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A subsequent specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

priority request; formal drawings transmittal; copy of Preliminary Examination Report w/amended pages; copy of English translation of Preliminary Examination Report; English translation of amended pages; copy of forms PCT/IB301&304; copy of request of filing; copy of complete application w/amended pages (10 pages)

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482 nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by EPO or JPO ..... <b>\$1040.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37CFR1.482)not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO. . . . <b>\$890.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... <b>\$740.00</b> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .... <b>\$710.00</b> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$100.00</b>  <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				<b>CALCULATIONS FOR PTO USE ONLY</b>	
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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application are the formal drawings, 3 sheets including 7 Figures. Applicant hereby authorizes any additional extension or petition fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 or credit for any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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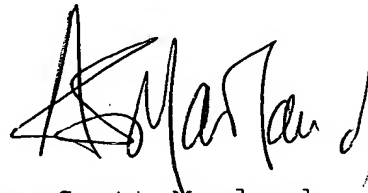
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PIPE-LINE ON A BARGE OR ON LANE, AND OF INSULATING THE  
ASSEMBLY ZONE, AND TUBES ADAPTED THEREFOR

**DECLARATION**

I, Andrew Scott Marland, of 35, avenue Chevreul, 92270 BOIS COLOMBES, France, declare that I am well acquainted with the English and French languages and that the attached translation is a true and faithful translation of the corrected sheets of the international application, No. **PCT/FR00/02289**.

All statements made herein are to my own knowledge true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any document or any registration resulting therefrom.

Date: February 5, 2002

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I, Andrew Scott Marland, of 35, avenue Chevreul, 92270 BOIS COLOMBES, France, declare that I am well acquainted with the English and French languages and that the attached translation of the French language PCT international application, Serial No. **PCT/FR00/02289** is a true and faithful translation of that document as filed.

All statements made herein are to my own knowledge true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any document or any registration resulting therefrom.



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